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REMARKS

Further to Applicants' fully responsive Amendment timely filed via certificate of mail on December 12, 2003, Applicants have added new dependent Claims 22 and 23. Therefore Claims 2-6 and 10-23 are pending. Support for new Claims 22 and 23 can be found in the original specification at least at page 5, lines 4-7 and FIG. 1, which shows directional tap 105 and grating 103 in a single package. Additionally, Applicants have amended claim 12 to change "tilted grating tap" to --Bragg grating--. Support for this amendment can be found in the original specification at least at page 5 lines 12-19.

The foregoing amendments and remarks are not believed to affect the response filed on December 12, 2003, and Applicants respectfully submit that this application remains in condition for allowance.

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